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DON eBusiness Operations Office Announces Third Round of FY 2003 Pilot Projects

The Department of the Navy (DON) eBusiness Operations Office has announced $4 million in funding for its next portfolio of fiscal year 2003 eBusiness pilot projects. Projects range from automated procurement to operational readiness. The line-up includes the following six pilots:

- **Joint Expeditionary Warfare Logistics** for the Marine Corps, Port Hueneme, Calif. This initiative will demonstrate joint interoperability by providing total asset visibility on data from various Naval Construction Division systems into the existing web-enabled USMC Common Logistics Command and Control System. The result will be enhanced mission planning by effective communication and total logistics visibility between forces.

- **Training and Operational Readiness Information Services** for the Afloat Training Group, Pacific in San Diego, Calif. This project will provide a means to efficiently capture, store, retrieve, and share performance data obtained during operational exercises and assessments. Assessment data will be captured via a portable pen tablet and downloaded into a web-centric application accessible by various Readiness Managers in support of overall fleet readiness.

- **Shipboard Movement Tracking** for the Marine Corps. Utilizing handheld scanners and barcode technology, this pilot will provide real-time asset tracking during embarkation operations on an Amphibious Ready Group via a wireless network. The automation of tracking and reporting of supplies and equipment during loading and offloading will enable personnel to make proactive decisions directing these assets to required locations more rapidly and efficiently.

- **Zoned Automated Procurement – Information Technology (ZAP-IT) Integration with One Touch Support (OTS)** for the Commander, Logistics Forces, Naval Central Command /Commander, Task Force 53 in Bahrain. This project will develop a system integrated with the Naval Supply System Command's One Touch Support program, which will allow the screening of "in-theatre" assets to provide deployed Navy and Marine Corps units with more rapid order fulfillment. ZAP-IT will allow for submitted requisitions to be automatically screened against inventory assets in theater, and where applicable, these requirements could be filled from these assets.

- **Metrics and Status for PBL Management** for Naval Inventory Control Point, Mechanicsburg, Pa. Leveraging the existing One Touch Support site, Performance-Based Logistics (PBL) managers will be able to access program and supply support metrics and status and perform necessary contract administration functions. The pilot will supply the standardization of PBL metrics, eliminate disparities from using a variety of systems, and provide customers global access to the system.

- **Supplier Relationship Management and Enablement** for the Fleet and Industrial Supply Center in Norfolk, Va. This initiative will provide a web-based interface to automate the process of loading and maintaining supplier contract and catalogue information into the DoD EMALL. The result will be reduced procurement time and costs, as well as an increased focus on transforming how NAVSUP does business in providing combat capability through logistics.

The DON eBusiness Operations Office helps Navy and Marine Corps e-business concepts to become realities. Pilot submissions are evaluated continuously from Navy and Marine Corps commands. Ideas for pilot projects may be submitted to http://www.don-ebusiness.navsup.navy.mil. If you are interested in setting up an appointment with a representative from the DON eBusiness Operations Office, please contact the office via email, pilot_projects@navsup.navy.mil, or phone, 717-605-9405, DSN 430-9405.